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### **44 Beat Study To Be Presented At Community Meetings**

A nine-month-long study of issues in a northeast Wichita neighborhood will be unveiled at two community meetings, it was announced today by Captain Felecia Norris, commander of the WPD North Bureau.

The "44 Beat Community Survey: Revitalization of a Neighborhood", is a 21-page study that looks at a variety of issues that affect the quality of life in the area of northeast Wichita roughly bounded by 13<sup>th</sup> Street on the South, 21<sup>st</sup> Street on the North, Hydraulic on the west and by Hillside on the east. The results of the survey, which has been presented to the Wichita City Council, will be presented to members of the public at two community meetings.

"The survey was conducted by going door-to-door throughout the neighborhoods", said Norris. "It represents our commitment to working with our community and our partners in the project."

This survey was conducted in partnership with Wichita State University, The Weed and Seed Steering committee, Wichita Independent Neighborhood Association (WIN), Power Community Development Coalition, Power Community Development Corporation, Power Neighborhood Association, the City of Wichita, Family Services Institute, students from USD 259, Northeast Central Neighborhood Association, and members of the Wichita Police Department.

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The area surveyed includes more than 4,700 residents who live in nearly 2,000 residences, Norris said. A total of 439 residents completed the thirteen questions on the survey that asked about a variety of topics. "Among those questions asked were "What are your top three neighborhood concerns?", and "What three things could - police do to make your neighborhood safer?"

The survey identified drugs, abandoned houses and vehicles, and gangs as the top three concerns of residents living in the area. Other concerns included health and environmental code violations, animal control issues and overall crime in the area.

The survey will be presented to the public at two meetings. The first will be at the Patrol North Substation, 3015 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The second will be at the Atwater Community Center at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cookies and drinks will be served at the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Pizza and refreshments will be served at the meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Citizens are encouraged to attend both meetings. For more information contact the Patrol North Division at 688-9500. A copy of the survey is on the Wichita Police Department Website at <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Police/>.